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Olney Central College



May 2018

Upcoming Events

May

7 *Intersession and Summer Textbook Sales Begin*

7-10 *Final Exams*

7-9 *Spring Textbook Buyback, Bookstore, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. & 5-6:30 p.m.*

10 *OCC Community Band Concert, OCC Theatre, 7:30 p.m.*

11 *Graduation, OCC Gym, 7 p.m.*

14 *Intersession Classes Begin*

15 *Last Day for 100 Percent Refund for 3-Week Classes*

15 *Last Day for Intersession Textbook Returns*

22 *Intersession Midterm*

28 *Memorial Day, College Closed*

30 *Last Day to Withdraw from Intersession Classes*
June

1 *Last Day of Intersession Classes*

5 *Summer Semester Begins*

11 *Last Day for 100 Percent Refund for 8-week Summer Classes*

11 *Last Day for Summer Textbook Refunds*

29 *Summer Semester Midterm*

29 *Last Day to Pay Summer Semester Tuition & Fees*

Life Science classroom among Wattleworth Hall improvements

Olney Central College's Wattleworth Hall is undergoing some cosmetic changes this spring.

Clay Atkins said OCC's O & M team has undertaken a number of projects in addition to the routine maintenance performed on the 44-year-old building. Recent renovations have included repainting classrooms and common areas as well as installing new carpet in Rooms 206 and 207. The north foyer also received a fresh coat of paint and a new digital building directory. Later this month the building's original entry doors will be replaced.

The work has even extended into the Dr. John D. Stull Performing Arts Center where new signage has been posted to help patrons locate seating. The lobby doors will be painted soon.

Also receiving attention is Room 203, which is used primarily for Life Science lectures.

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Instructor Sarah Bergbower works with students in the new mini bio-technology station she created in Room 203.

OCC Commencement Exercises May 11



Olney Central College's 54th annual commencement exercises will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 11 in the OCC Gymnasium. Friends and relatives of the graduates are invited to attend.

OCC President Rodney Ranes will give the welcoming remarks and Dean of Instruction Michael Conn will present candidates for degrees and certificates.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Board of Trustees Member Jan Ridgely will confer the approximately 419 degrees and certificates being awarded this year. He also will give the "Charge to the Class."

The OCC Community Band, under the direction of Wade Baker, OCC Director of Bands, will perform the processional and recessional. Special music also will be provided by the OCC Concert Choir conducted by Andrew Pittman, Director of Choral Activities.



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Logan Marshall earns Top 10 finish in HVAC Teachers and Trainers Competition

Olney Central College Instructor Logan Marshall was among the top 10 finishers at the third annual HVAC Teachers and Trainers Instructors Competition in Las Vegas.

Held in conjunction with the National HVAC Educators and Trainers Conference, only 15 of the 750 people attending the March 26-28 event scored high enough on the written exam to advance to the hands-on portion of the competition.

Participants performed tasks covering a wide range of skills including electrical wiring, piping, leak detection, system evacu-

ation, component identification, pressure enthalpy and refrigerant identification. Marshall finished first in a challenge requiring attendees to wire three LED lights.

The conference provided Marshall an opportunity to explore a variety of new technologies and training available in the field. Presenters also offered techniques to “liven up” the classroom.

“I enjoyed meeting and interacting with the other educators from different parts of the country,” Marshall said. “The competition was light-hearted and fun and I enjoyed participating in it.”

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Instructor Sarah Bergbower is initiating changes to better utilize the space and make it more conducive to group activities.

“Things over time accumulate and there was a lot of clutter in the room,” Bergbower said. “We got rid of things that were not actively being used.”

During Winter Break, Bergbower and her work study students also removed room dividers, which blocked off the back wall and computer areas.

“They made the room feel only 60 percent of its size,” Bergbower said. “Eliminating the dividers opened up the area so it doesn’t feel as cramped.”

With the additional room, Bergbower cre-

ated two study centers, a mini bio-technology station, which includes a florescent microscope and a light table, along with a computer area where students can conduct lab simulations. New whiteboards will be installed later this semester.

Bergbower even updated the seating layout giving students room to spread out. The tables no longer sit in typical rows, but are placed at an angle. The arrangement creates an aisle down the middle and on both sides.

“It allows everyone to see the board from where they are sitting and not the back of someone’s head,” Bergbower said. “Overall, it is a more professional classroom. The room is more dynamic and easier to get around. The new layout allows people to be more focused.”

OCC offering Concealed Carry class July 5-7

Individuals interested in obtaining an Illinois Concealed Carry permit are encouraged to enroll in an upcoming course at OCC.

The Concealed Carry class provides 16 hours of required firearms training, including classroom and range instruction.

The class will meet from 6 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, July 5 and Friday, July 6 at OCC. On Saturday, July 7, the class will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olney Gun Range.

Tuition and fees for the class are \$175 for residents of the Illinois Eastern Community Colleges District, and must be paid in advance to reserve a seat in the course. Tuition is waived for residents of the IECC District who are age 60 and older, but course fees must be paid.

To register, call 395-7777.

Students asked to complete course surveys

OCC students, your opinion matters!

Please take a few minutes to complete the end of course surveys. You may access them at <https://iecc.campuslabs.com/courseeval>.

You will be prompted to enter your Entrata credentials.

OCC launches Youth Explorers Camp

Olney Central College is offering a summer Youth Explorers Camp for students entering sixth through ninth grades.

Students will spend the week of July 30-Aug. 3 exploring one of four subject areas taught by OCC faculty. Sessions meet from 9 a.m. to noon and include:

- **Grease and Gears with Tyler Boyles:** This automotive camp teaches students to understand vehicles and the tools required to fix them, including basic maintenance and how they work. Rev your brain as you work on and learn the ins and outs of cars and trucks.

- **The Artist Within with Heather Sandy:** Each day, students will create an original piece of artwork while experimenting with different materials and processes. Unleash your creative potential with projects that include paintings, drawings and sculptures.

- **Jazz for the Young Musician with Wade Baker:** Renowned Jazz Musician and OCC Director of Bands Wade Baker will guide students on an exploration of the music genre of Jazz. You will study Jazz music, artists, improvisation and style. The culmination of your work will be showcased in a performance at the end of the week. All students must proficiently play an instrument.

- **Fun with Physical Science with Rob Mason and Aaron Lineberry & Ew! Awesome Biology! with Sarah Bergbower and Chris Mathews:** Students will explore all areas of science. Part of the morning will be spent in the world of biology and the other part students will be experimenting with chemistry and physics. See science in a way you never have before. Touch a real human brain. Blow stuff up. Play with electricity.

The cost for the camp is \$100 per student, which is due at registration. For more information, call 395-7777.

Register Now!
Olney Central College
YOUTH EXPLORERS CAMP

Students Entering Grades 6-9

JULY 30-AUGUST 3 | 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Cost: \$100 per student due at registration | 618-395-7777 | www.iecc.edu/occ



CAR SHOW

The OCC Automotive/Collision Repair Car Show was April 28. This year's event included more than 70 entries. Automotive Service and Collision Repair Technology are now accepting new students for fall. For more information or to register, call 395-7777.



Baker named to All-Illinois Academic Team

Olney Central College student Ben Baker, of Noble, has been named to the All-Illinois Academic Team by Phi Theta Kappa, the international two-year college honor society.

Baker was recognized for his accomplishment, receiving a medallion and certificate at the annual Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois awards banquet April 11 at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel in Springfield.

Baker was selected from among community college students across the state on the basis of academic achievement, volunteer work, campus activities, honors and awards. Students also must submit a short essay explaining why they chose to start their higher education at a community college and to describe their most significant academic endeavors thus far in their college lives.

Baker will graduate in May. He plans to study aerospace



engineering at the University of Illinois. Baker was nominated by Olney Central College PTK Alpha Theta Eta Advisors Laurel Cutright and Amie Mayhall.

"It's good to be recognized for something like this," Baker said. "It is a big honor that the advisors think highly enough of me to nominate me."

The All-Illinois Academic Team is sponsored annually by Phi Theta Kappa, USA Today and the American

Association of Community Colleges. The All-State Academic Team is a division of the Academic All-USA Team for Community, Technical and Junior Colleges. It seeks to honor outstanding community college students who show intellectual rigor in their course of study, demonstrate academic, leadership and civic growth and who extend their community college education to better themselves, their schools and their communities.

PBL members attend state conference in Effingham

Five Olney Central College students attended the Phi Beta Lambda State Leadership Conference April 6-7 in Effingham.

PBL members attending included Molly Walker, Ben Baker, Brock VanBlaricum, Curtis Ballard and Cameron Ballard. The students were accompanied by PBL Advisors Amie Mayhall and Shasta Bennett.

Walker was among the top finishers in the competitive events. She placed first in Business Communications and third in Organizational Behavior and Leadership. All members competed in Parliamentary Procedures.

Phi Beta Lambda is the collegiate affiliate of Future Business Leaders of America. The organization trains future business leaders to become contributing members of society.



At left, OCC Phi Beta Lambda members traveled to Effingham for the annual PBL State Leadership Conference. Those attending included front row, from left, Ben Baker, Advisor Shasta Bennett and Molly Walker. Back row, Brock VanBlaricum, Cameron Ballard, Advisor Amie Mayhall and Curtis Ballard. Above, Molly Walker displays her first- and third-place awards.

OCC Phi Theta Kappa members attend national convention

Olney Central College students joined Phi Theta Kappa members from across the country in Kansas City, Mo., for the honor society's annual Convention.

Attending the event were Ben Baker, Brock VanBlaricum, Abigail Etchison and Cameron Ballard, who were accompanied by Advisors Amie Mayhall and Laurel Cutright. Frontier Community College PTK members McKensie Harrison and Cheyanne Garrison also traveled with the group.

The convention included eight educational forum rounds with topics ranging from filling out scholarship applications, to getting a competitive edge in the workplace, to building your college's PTK Chapter.

"Our attendees are educated, excited and ready to conquer their dreams," Mayhall added.

General session speakers included rapper and "Hamilton" star Daveed Diggs, who also appears in the movie "Wonder." Other speakers were Global Futurist Chris Riddell, Ann Cuddy, school psychologist and author of "Presence: Bringing Your Boldest Self to Your Biggest Challenges," Susan Cain, author of "Quiet," and Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, CEO of Phi Theta Kappa.

The event featured several fun activities including human football. OCC's three male members in attendance participated and won their round. Members also enjoyed two Centennial celebrations.

While in Kansas City, the group ate at the World Famous Arthur Bryant's where they enjoyed the award-winning barbecue.

Phi Theta Kappa is the premier honor society recognizing the academic achievement of community college students. The society is made up of more than 3.2 million members in nearly 1,300 chapters in nine nations.



Above, are PTK members, from left, Cheyanne Garrison, McKensie Harrison, Abigail Etchison, Ben Baker, Curtis Ballard and Brock VanBlaricum. At right, PTK members dined at the World Famous Arthur Bryant's Barbeque.



SPRING FLING

OCC celebrated its annual Spring Fling on April 21. Instructor David Denton and his students provided waffles in the Student Union. Other activities included a free lunch and a trivia contest.



SPRING CONCERT

At right, members of the OCC Concert Choir presented a selection from Mozart's "The Magic Flute" during the Music Department's Spring Concert. Pictured are OCC Director of Choral Activities Andrew Pittman along with Rebecca Mugrage, Victoria Kittle, Kirsten Workman and Dalton Thompson. Below, the OCC Jazz Ensemble performs with guest artist Randy Villars, who is a classically trained clarinetist, saxophonist and pianist. As a composer, he has written in many different styles and contexts including music for broadcast, advertising and film. A music educator, Villars founded the Dayton Jazz Institute, his private lesson studio, specializing in teaching jazz improvisation.



The OCC Concert Band performed three original compositions by guest conductor Alex Tedrow during the Music Department's Spring Concert. Tedrow, of Shoals, Ind., attends the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University where he is working toward a bachelor's degree in music composition. His music has been performed across the country in multiple mediums.

 *Catch Up or Move Ahead*
SUMMER CLASSES
June 5-July 31



WELDING PROJECT

OCC Welding students Dylan Myers and Phillip Burdin fabricated this access door as a class project. The door, which is located below the OCC Bookstore in Wattleworth Hall, had previously been covered with plywood. "They did a super job," said Clay Atkins. "A big thank you goes to the students and Curtis Marshall, the welding instructor."